



News from Trinity HOPE

This is one of a series of articles which we make available each month to keep our supporters informed about our activities. Trinity HOPE, a not-for-profit charitable organization, raises funds and administers feeding programs that provide a noon meal for the hungry children who attend our schools in Haiti where the Good News of Jesus is shared daily.

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A Haitian Coconut Christmas Hut and HOPE

By Rev. John Gierke

I keep a Haitian Christmas crèche in my office year round to remind me of my time in Haiti and to pray for the children of Haiti and their families. I bought it at the airport in Port-au-Prince before returning home at the end of one of our Trinity HOPE mission trips. I love its vibrant colors of clothing on the wise men coming to visit baby Jesus, as well as the simplicity of the coconut hut, the shepherds and other townspeople, Joseph & Mary, and of course, baby Jesus! It's probably not too far off from the simple stable in Bethlehem, but without the barnyard smells! The artist also portrayed Jesus and all the characters with how he or she visualized Jesus and the others - as his/her fellow Haitians. It's a simple yet powerful reminder that Jesus came for all people of all nations, tribes, and languages, and came to be just like us - whether we're poor or materially blessed!



As you ponder God's greatest Gift of the Christ child for you and for all people this Advent and Christmas season, as well as all of God's multitudinous blessings for your daily life until you reach heaven's home because of that same Gift of God, treasure it all in your heart like Mary. Consider also how a simple gift of 25 cents or so will provide a hope-filled meal for a Haitian child, who receives that gift at their school while hearing the simple yet powerful Christmas Gospel of Jesus who came to love them, be just like them, die and rise for them, and fulfill their HOPE of an eternal home for them in heaven! Just like He did for you! What a gift!!!